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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: T. Pham
HIROSHI KABURAGI, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/678,297	)	
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Filed: October 3, 2000	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	)	
AND APPARATUS	:	March 7, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

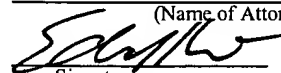
Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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